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SUBJECT: AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY GROUP VISITS CYPRUS

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1. DELEGATION FROM AFRO-SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT (AASM),
LED BY PRG FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN THI BINH, VISITED
GREEK CYPRUS MARCH 22-25. DELEGATION INCLUDED ARAB
REP, GAMAL BAHA EL-DIN, AND SOVIET REP, FNU KALANDAROF
(REF FBIS TA 231759Z). MAVERICK SOCIALIST VASOS
LYSSARIDES AND HIS EDEK PARTY HOSTED GROUP AROUND ISLAND.
DELEGATION MISSED NO CHANCE TO PLUNK SUPPORT FOR: INDE-
PENDENCE, SOVERIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS;
FULL IMPLEMENTATION UN RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS. DELE-
GATION IGNORED TURKISH CYPRUS.

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2. IN MARCH 24 PRESS CONFERENCE, MME BINH BLAMED USG,

NATO FOR COUP, TURK INVASION. SHE CLAIMED THAT DARK IMPERIALIST FORCES HAVE SCHEMED AGAINST CYPRUS SINCE INDEPENDENCE, SEEKING NATO SPRINGBOARD IN MIDDLE EAST. SHE PROMISED UNSPECIFIED FURTHER SUPPORT FROM AASM. SHE ALSO DRUBBED "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" IN VIETNAM.

3. GREEK PRESS, PARTICULARLY LYSSARIDES' TA NEA, AND PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFHEROS, AND CBC GAVE GOOD COVERAGE. DELEGATION VISITED REFUGEE CAMPS, MET WITH MAKARIOS, SAW COMMUNIST PARTY (AKEL) LEADER. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI DOWNPLAYED LYSSARIDES' ROLE IN VISIT, LABORED TO LINK AASM GROUP WITH EARLIER WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) VISIT (REF) AS FURTHER SIGN OF WORLD SOLIDARITY WITH GREEK CYPRUS.

4. DELEGATION ANNOUNCED THAT AASM PRESIDIUM WILL SOON HOLD SPECIAL MEETING IN CYPRUS TO DEAL WITH CYPRUS PROBLEM.

5. COMMENT: BEYOND BOLSTERING "INTERNATIONALIZATION" EFFORT OF GOC AND REHASHING THREADBARE STORIES OF IMPERIALIST PLOTTING, VISIT MADE LITTLE IMPACT. MME BINH'S REMARKS READ LIKE TA NEA CATECHISM. TO SOME DEGREE, WPC AND AASM VISITS, RECENT NONALIGNED GROUP'S HAVANA RE-SOLUTION ON CYPRUS QUESTION, REINFORCE LOCAL NOTIONS OF WORLD SUPPORT FOR GREEK CYPRUS. WE CAN EXPECT MORE SUCH ACTIVITY. FURTHER POSSIBLE ASPECT OF MME BINH'S VISIT MAY HAVE BEEN TO SEEK GOC RECOGNITION OF PRG. WILL CHECK AND REPORT BY SEPTEL. END COMMENT.

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